

IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.04.21 – RULES GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS

DOCKET NO.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 25-221, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

August 15, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. (MDT) – Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712.

A draft of the rule change is available on the ISDA Web site (www.agri.idaho.gov). Comments must be received by August 22, 2012.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following: Interested members of the public who wish to participate must submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture addressed to Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Division of Animal Industries. Individuals may also attend the public meetings to be conducted on the above dates during which the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will allow oral comments or presentations to be made.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

Amend section *011.03*. The acronym AZA, defined as the American Zoological Association, is incorrect. The correct definition for AZA is the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Amend section *601.01*. To more clearly define the current brucellosis testing requirement as a single blood sample from which two (2) different diagnostic tests for brucellosis shall be performed. This will clarify that the producers need only work their elk once to collect blood.

Amend section *601.02*. To expand the list of testing exemptions for Red Deer Gene Factor (RDGF) to include any state or province that has implemented an approved RDGF prevention program for domestic cervidae. The existing rule identifies Montana as the only state that would qualify for a testing exemption because at the time the original rule was written, Montana was the only state to have implemented an approved RDGF program.

Amend section *606*. To expand the tuberculosis (TB) testing exemptions to include any cervidae moving between the American Association of Zoos and Aquarium accredited facilities and those facilities that have a USDA exhibitor permit. The existing rule requirements are redundant to require TB testing for movement between these facilities which are both federally regulated for TB prevention. The change would prevent a producer from having to re-test an animal that is moving between these types of facilities.

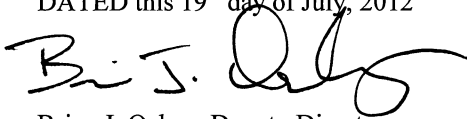
Clarify and condense portions of the rule for purposes of simplification and maintaining consistency.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the

preliminary draft of the text of the proposed rule, contact Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator – Division of Animal Industries at (208) 332-8540.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before August 22, 2012.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Oakey", written over a horizontal line.

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